

**Minutes of Water Street Governors Meeting
Thursday 16TH February 2017**

Present: Stuart Anslow Jo Tamsons
 James Ashley Andrew Bundock
 Andrew Sharples Jules Swain
 Amanda Stodart-Hall Nick Swain
 Stuart Bond Jenny Macnab

Susan Overson - clerk

| No | Item | Action |
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| PART 'A' - PROCEDURAL | | |
| 1 | <p>Proposal to co-opt SB back on the governing body</p> <p>Discussion took place on the proposal to co-opt SB back on to the governing body following the end of his term of office as parent governor.</p> <p><i>All governors were in agreement with this decision.</i></p> | |
| 2 | <p>Welcome to two new parent governors</p> <p>Two new parent governors have been appointed to the governing body and were welcomed at the meeting.</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies had been received from LW, JC-W and LB</p> <p><i>Apologies accepted</i></p> | |
| 4 | <p>Notification of urgent other business</p> <p>Governor SIN meeting notes to be discussed</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Declaration of interest in agenda items</p> <p>None declared</p> | |
| 5 | <p>To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2016</p> <p>These had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> | |

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| | <i>Accepted as a true and accurate record and signed accordingly</i> | |
| 7 | <p>Matters arising from the minutes for which there is not a separate agenda item</p> <p>Mid-Year Appraisal Meeting – JA gave his apologies and it was agreed to arrange a new date for this meeting</p> <p>The report from Andy Syers - this has still not been received.</p> <p>Discussion took place on - critical friend and challenge and where to get this from other than the local authority.</p> | SA/SB/JA to agree a new date for this meeting |
| PART 'B' SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT | | |
| 8 | <p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Update given by head regarding half termly safeguarding meetings that take place with LB. The electronic safeguarding audit has been completed and returned to the LA. The safeguarding governor had challenged the head on aspects of this report.</p> <p>No further questions were raised on this item</p> | |
| 9 | <p>SDP – Premises</p> <p>Plan circulated at the meeting relating to Y2 cloaks extension. This is a NYCC Capital Maintenance programme. Explanation given by SA regarding the proposals.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the feasibility of this project.</p> <p>New storage unit has been built in the main hall for breakfast club and PE equipment.</p> <p>New sink and storage underneath in Y4.</p> | |

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| <p>10</p> | <p>Health & Safety</p> <p>Update on asbestos and legionella training was given by SO, SBM. Also information on First Aid requirements for any staff on school trips.</p> <p>Dale Barton, H&S, is to visit school on Tuesday 7th March 2017 at 9.30am for a fire audit.</p> <p>No questions were asked on this item</p> | |
| <p>11</p> | <p>SFVS</p> <p>A working party have been reviewing and updating the SFVS. Draft was circulated prior to the meeting and discussion took place on this item</p> <p><i>Governors agreed to submit this amended document</i></p> | <p>SO to action</p> |
| <p>12</p> | <p>Teaching & Learning Update</p> <p>Aspirational targets for KS2 circulated at the meeting. Head gave a detailed explanation of data and the reasons for these targets.</p> <p>Comparisons are against the top 20% of schools.</p> <p>This year we have been chosen for Early Years Moderation.</p> <p><i>Governors challenged how the percentage has been worked out and the reasoning behind this.</i></p> <p><i>Governors asked where the challenge was coming from for these targets and what input NYCC has.</i></p> <p>Discussion took place on difficulty of comparing year on year due to the system being so new.</p> <p>Monitoring programme has also continued this term.</p> | |

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| 13 | <p>Castle – strategic direction of Water Street & Castle</p> <p>Head updated governors on CASTLE alliance.</p> <p>Power point presentation was given on Teaching School Alliance Application.</p> <p>Discussion took place on what the impact of this would be for Water Street.</p> <p>(SB entered the meeting at 7.05pm)</p> <p>Strategic Members and Associate Members in a Teaching School Alliance</p> <p>Strategic Members have to be good or outstanding schools.</p> <p>There will be a strategic partner for each area of the Big Six.</p> <p><i>Governors challenged the amount of time given to CASTLE alliance</i></p> <p>Governors raised no concerns to this direction for Water Street and Castle Alliance.</p> <p>Teaching Staff have been informed of the application process.</p> | |
| 14 | <p>Visits to School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JT visited school regarding her area of the SDP but also looked round all areas • AB listens to readers etc on Monday am • LB and SB visited Breakfast Club in January and felt it was a very positive experience <p>Y6 Residential Visit 20th to 24th March – governors are invited to come along for a day if they wish.</p> | |
| 15 | <p>Urgent Other Business</p> <p>Governor SIN – Update given by SO following Clerks Forum Meeting</p> <p>Staffing – NB (Y1) has handed her resignation and will leave on 31st August 2017.</p> | |

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| | <i>Governors challenged how school would handle finding a replacement for this vacancy</i> | |
| PART 'C' | | |
| 16 | NYCC Confidential Item | |
| 17 | Date of Next Meeting Date for the next meeting is Thursday 30 th March 2017 at 6pm | |
| | Meeting closed at 7.50pm | |